

# Mp3 Les Is More - Urban/r&b: R&b Pop Crossover



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Miami-based hip-hop/R&B artist mixes acoustic music and rap elements with influences from artists like Beyonce and Jay-Z to create a unique soulful sound. 11 MP3 Songs URBAN/R&B: R&B Pop Crossover, URBAN/R&B: R&B Rap mix Details: Les epitomizes the musical artist triple threat: he is vocally gifted, he writes memorable songs and he puts on an enthralling live show. He has only just begun to discover where these talents will take him. Les (Lester Hussie) was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He grew up listening to the sounds of Jay-Z, Biggie Smalls and Philly Mo-Town. Les musical training began at age four with classical piano. He performed in numerous talent shows and with school and church choirs, figuring out early that music was his passion. At age eleven, Les added voice lessons to his training. Soon after, dance lessons were also incorporated. Throughout middle and high school he became involved in musical theater, predominantly performing at Philly's New Freedom Theatre. During this time, Les maintained a steady interest in Hip-Hop and R&B music, often copying dance moves from the music videos he watched on MTV and BET. His affinities for the genre lead him to begin writing songs at around age fourteen. Growing up, Les was inspired by the lyricism, performance ability and emotion of Beyonce, Naz, Mariah Carey, Madonna and Lauren Hill. As high school neared an end, Les decided to make performing his career goal. He auditioned and was accepted into the University of Miami's Frost School of Music. Rather than choosing to academically pursue only classical piano, he decided to combine his piano education with an education in the music business. While at UM, Les has performed in several ensembles including the Civic Corale, R&B Ensemble and Maelstrom (The Mens Chorus). He also became a member of KAOS, a UM dance Step Team, performing at on-campus and local events, festivals and nightclubs. In May of 2008, Les will graduate from UM with a Bachelor of Music in the Music Business and Entertainment Industries with a minor in Marketing. In April of 2007, after auditioning, Les

was selected as one of two artists to be offered a record deal with UMs student-run record label Cane Records. Les began working on his debut album in early September. Songs on the album, all co-written by Les, were influenced by Jay-Z, Beyonce, Kelis and Donny Hathaway and others. Les says of the album, It has truly been a learning experience and that is what I am most happy about. I am glad I had this opportunity to grow and I am confident that this album will propel me to bigger and better things. . The album, Les Is More was released in late February 2008. People who are interested in R. Kelly Usher Chris Brown should consider this download.

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